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Cromwell Advertisements

DAVID A. JOLLY & CO.
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL
FAMILY GROCERS
WINE, SPIRIT, AND GENERAL MERCHANTS.

We desire to intimate that in order to meet the growing exigencies of our business, we have lately built substantial stone additions to our former premises.

At the urgent request of our numerous customers, we have added to our other branches of business, that of

Drapery, Crockery, & Ironmongery.

We would further notify that, having engaged a Buyer in connection with our business to select special lines consigned from the Home and Melbourne markets, we will in future be in a position to offer such superior advantages to our customers as will not fail to ensure a continuance of their liberal patronage, and, more especially, will command the attention and confidence of the Trade, Runholders, and Large Buyers.

DAVID A. JOLLY & CO.

Our GROCERY STOCK comprises:

Teas, of excellent flavour, in chests, half-chests, and boxes
Coffees, from the pure bean, ground on the premises
Cocoa, Chocolate, of the best brands
Sugars : crystals of every shade, and crushed loaf
Bacon, Cheese, Butter : weekly supplies from the best dairies
Jams, Jellies, and Pickles

Candles : best brands
Soap : treble crown, blue mottled, household, scented in bars, cakes, and boxes
Vestas, by approved makers
Salt : table, fine, and coarse
Raisins : Muscatels, Sultanans, and Elemes
Oils : salad, castor, and kerosene
Sauces : Lea and Perrins, Mushroom, Nabob, and assorted

TOBACCOES.

Imperial, Aromatic, cable-twist—superior Cameron's celebrated brands—Havelock, Golden Bar, Venus tens
Barrett's Twist, in quarter-tierces and boxes.

Water Lily, Over the Water, navy sixes Cut Tobaccos, in pound, half-pound, and quarter-pound tins, and in bulk.

WINES AND SPIRITS.

Brandies Hennessy's, Associated Vineyard, Martell's, in bulk and case
Whiskies : Old Glenury, Islay, Longjohn's, in bulk and case
Rum : Lemon Hart's
Port : Fine old Offley's, six grape
Sherry : Gonzola, six diamond
Gin : JUKZ Geneva, Nectar, and Kummell
Old Tom : Burnett's, Bernard's
Claret : St. Julien's

Moselle : No. 2
Hock : Gold Leaf
Ginger Wine, in bulk and case
Ales : Tennent's, Younger's, and Colonial
Porter : Blood's, Byass's, Guinness's, and Colonial
Cordials : assorted
Sarsaparilla : Singleton's, Townsend's
Bitters : Selner's, Stoughton's

IRONMONGERY STOCK consists of

Blasting powder and fuse
Gunpowder, caps, and shot
Long and short handled shovels
Spades, sluice forks
Picks and pickhandles
Gold dishes, hose-pipes
Drills and drilling hammers
Manilla and flax ropes
White lead, castor, boiled, and colza oils
Galvanised and corrugated iron
Stoves and piping

Billies and pannikins
Tea-kettles, iron and tin
Galvanised iron buckets and tubs
Iron boilers
Enamelled and tinned stew and saucepans
Axes and axe-handles
Nails, cut and wrought
Tacks, clout and American cut
Garden rakes, hoes, and spades
Cutlery, a large assortment
Carpenters' tools of every description.

CANVAS, SADDLERY, AND BRUSHWARE.

HOLT'S SEWING MACHINES : CABINET AND HAND.

DRAPERY AND CLOTHING DEPARTMENT.

Suits : silk-mixture, Galatea, Paget, sac
Boys' do.
Trousers and Vests : Mosgiel, silk-mixed, tweed, doeskin
Shirts : white dress, crèmeans, Scotch twill, tweed
Pants and undershirts, in flannel, lamb's-wool, merino, and cotton
Hosiery and hats

Dress materials : winceys, French merinos, all-wool plaids, prints
Flannels ; Calicos, bleached and unbleached
Blankets, rugs, quilts
Table-covers, bed and toilet-covers
Cocoons and felt mattings
Hessian, bed-ticking, carpets
Top, waterproof, and tweed coats ; etc., etc.

BOOTS & SHOES.

Boots : men's elastic-sides, watertights, half-Wellingtons ; Hayward and North British Gum Boot
Women's and children's Boots, Shoes, and Slippers, in calf, kid, and cashmere.

N.B.—All goods in this department are marked at low prices.

CROCKERYWARE.

Breakfast, dinner, and bedroom sets complete
Lamps : parlour, hanging, bracket

China, glass, and earthenware goods of every description

FILTERS, VASES, AND LUSTRES.

FANCY GOODS.

Electro-plated Britannia-metal tea and coffee pots ; meerschaum and briar pipes— a choice selection ; patent medicines ; stationery ; perfumery.

COLONIAL PRODUCE : Wheat, Oats, Chaff, Pollard, and Potatoes.

D. A. J. & Co. have been appointed sole agents for the sale of Butel Bros.' superior silk-dressed flour, bran, and pollard ; and are prepared to promptly execute all orders within a radius of sixty miles.—FLOUR GUARANTEED. TERMS LIBERAL.

W. TALBOYS' CLEARING SALE OF GROCERY.

New Season Tea, 1878-79 (Boxes of 12lb), 23s

Cocoa (pound tins), 1s 6d

Muscates, 1s 2d per lb

Jordan Almonds, 2s 3d per lb

Elemes, 7½d per lb

Lemon Peel, 1s 5d per lb

Two-crown Soap, 12s per box

Three-crown Soap, 14s per box

Cheese, 10d per lb

Hams, 10d per lb

Kerosene (Noonday), 12s per tin.

Fresh Herrings, 8d per tin.

Lobsters, 10½d per tin

Salmon, 10½d per tin

Sardines (half-pound tins), 11d

Sardines (quarter-pound tins), 7d

Oysters, 7d per tin

Tainsh's Jams, 11d per tin

Figs, 1s per box

Preserved Fruits, 2s.

Pickles, 1s per bottle

Candles 10½d per lb

ABOVE PRICES ARE STRICTLY CASH.

Men's Elastic Sides, Lace-ups and Watertights, Colonial Made, 14s 6d.

A large stock of Ladies' and Children's Kid Boots (Copper Toes), 4s 6d.

W. TALBOYS, LONDON HOUSE, CROMWELL.

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I. HALLENSTEIN & CO.,

HAVE ON HAND

THE LARGEST AND BEST-SELECTED STOCK

OF ANY UP-COUNTRY STORE IN

DRAPERY, BOOTS, IRONMONGERY, CROCKERY WINES and SPIRITS.

SPECIAL ATTENTION DEVOTED TO

MEN'S AND BOYS' CLOTHING,

DIRECT FROM OUR OWN FACTORY.

A LARGE STOCK OF

FURNITURE AND BUILDING MATERIALS

ALWAYS ON HAND.

AGENTS FOR

Robertson & Hallenstein's Celebrated Silk-dressed Wakatip Flour.

A GOOD SUPPLY OF BRAN, POLLARD, AND PRODUCE OF ALL KINDS ALWAYS ON HAND

I. HALLENSTEIN & CO.

EXTENSION OF PREMISES.

W. TALBOYS

Having determined to Extend his Premises,

WILL HOLD A

Great Clearing Sale !

OF HIS EXTENSIVE AND VARIED STOCK OF

DRAPERY, HOSIERY, HABERDASHERY, CLOTHING, BOOTS & SHOES, &c., &c.,

EXTENDING OVER ONE MONTH ONLY !

CALL EARLY AND SECURE BARGAINS

Cromwell



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N O T I C E

The following are the days appointed for holding the Resident Magistrate's and Warden's Courts for the months of January, February and March, 1880, for the Dunstan division of the Otago Goldfields Districts:

CLOUDE—Every Thursday, excepting the Teviot Court week.

CROMWELL—Every Friday.

ALEXANDRA—Monday, January 12 and 26

, February 9 and 23

, March 8 and 22

[The District Court Office at Alexandra will be open on the above dates for the transaction of business.]

ROXBURGH—Tuesday, January 6

, February 3

, March 2

ORHUR—Tuesday, January 13

, February 10

, March 9

JACKSON KEDDELL,
Warden and R.M.

M R A. F. BLOOD, B.A.,
Has Commenced Practice as a
SOLICITOR AND CONVEYANCER
In the District, R.M. and Warden's
Courts, Cromwell.

Mr Blood is prepared to visit Alexandra, Blanks, &c., when professionally required.

OFFICE:

NEXT DOOR TO THE BANK OF NEW
ZEALAND.

H ENRICH BEHRENS,
WHEELWRIGHT
AND COACH BUILDER,

MELMORE-STREET, CROMWELL

(Nearly opposite Bank of New South Wales),
Is prepared to execute all Orders entrusted to
him with carefulness and despatch.

A Large Supply of Well-seasoned American and
Native Timbers kept in Stock.

Repairs done in best style.

K. P R E T S C H.
CROMWELL,
COACH AND GENERAL PAINTER,
PAPERHANGER, &c.

Has always on hand a fine selection of Paper
hangings, Paints, Glass, and Mouldings of every
description, at low prices.

Contracts undertaken for General Painting,
Paperhanging, Decoration,
and Sign Writing.

E. M U R R E L L,
WATCHMAKER & JEWELLER,

Has just received, per
English Mail, another con-
signment of
SILVER HUNTING
LEVER
WATCHES direct from the
Manufacturer in London. As these Watches are made to his own order, bear his name, and specially made to suit the requirements of this district, he can with confidence recommend them to the public both as regards finish and accuracy of adjustment, and as Time-keepers not to be excelled in the colony.

E. M. has made arrangements for regular supplies, and as he buys for cash he is in a position to defy competition.

A Two Years' Guarantee given with every Watch.

INSPECTION INVITED.

Note the address—

E. MURRELL,
Watch and Clock Maker,
MELMORE-STREET, CROMWELL.

T HE AUSTRALIAN LITHOFRAC-
TEUR AND DYNAMITE CO.
(KREBS' PATENT.)

ARTHUR BRISCOE & CO.,

Having accepted the above Company's Agency or New Zealand, direct the attention of Railway and other Contractors, Miners, and Quarrymen to the enormous advantages derived from the use of these STRONGEST EXPLOSIVES MANUFACTURED.

For Mining, Quarrying, Blasting in hard or soft rock, and for Submarine Works (Krebs' Patent being the only manufacture insoluble) it is invaluable.

The SUPERIOR STRENGTH of these COLONIAL EXPLOSIVES has been proved by experts to be 15 to 20 per cent. stronger than any imported Dynamite, while the present price renders it cheaper than blasting powder.

Price—1 case, 2s 9d per lb.
5 " 2s 6d "
10 " 2s 3d "

Delivery from magazine payable by purchaser.

ARTHUR BRISCOE & CO.,
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL IRONMONGERS AND
IRON MERCHANTS,
PRINCES-STREET, DUNEDIN.

Miscellaneous.

T O F A R M E R S.

V' CORMICK'S HARVESTERS FOR SALE.

Agent for Cromwell:
CHARLES COLCLOUGH.

R. A N D A. J. P A R K.

R. SURVEYORS, LAND AGENTS,

SHARE AND MONEY BROKERS,

SAVINGS BANK BUILDINGS,

H I G H S T R E E T, D U N E D I N.

Land Office business transacted.

MONEY TO LEND AT CURRENT RATES.

J. O H N S M I T H

begs to intimate to the Public that he

H A S O P E N E D

Those

WELL-KNOWN AND COMMODIOUS STABLES

(Late Starkey and Scally's),

And hopes, by attention and civility, to merit a fair share of public patronage.

B U G G I E S & SADDLE HORSES ALWAYS ON HIRE.

H O R S E S B R O K E N I N, &c.

P. B U T T E L & C O . ' S

FLOUR MILLS,

NEAR ARROWTOWN.

Supply First-class

S I L K - D R E S S E D F L O U R, B R A N A N D P O L L A R D.

G R I S T I N G D O N E AT C U R R E N T R A T E S.

Country orders executed with care and dispatch. An excellent sample of flour guaranteed, cannot be excelled in the Colony.

V I N C E N T F L O U R M I L L,
O P H I R.

J. C. J O N E S

Begs to inform the inhabitants of the surrounding districts that, having now completed the above Flour Mill, which he has fitted up with machinery on the most improved principle, he is prepared to supply

S I L K - D R E S S E D F L O U R

of the best quality; also, Bran and Pollard.

Gristing at Current Rates.

J. C. JONES.

W A K A T I P F L O U R & O A T M E A L
M I L L S, L A K E H A Y E S.

R O B E R T G I L M O U R - P R O P R I E T O R.

The Proprietor begs to announce to the public that, owing to the increased demand for Oatmeal, he has now completed considerable improvements on his oatmeal machinery, and is prepared to supply a first-class article at a most reasonable rate.

R.G.'s Mill being under the management of a Miller of wide experience, the public can depend upon a Constant Supply of Flour of the best quality, and can offer it at as cheap a rate and upon as reasonable terms as any in the district.

ROBERT GILMOUR.

N O T I C E

FOURPENCE each will be given by the undersigned for the SKINS of Rabbits destroyed on Mt. Pisa and Queensberry Runs upon delivery at the Home Station.

H. F. WILLMOTT.

2nd Feb., 1880.

N O T I C E

A number of useless Curs are allowed to prowl about on Kawarau Station by their owners. This is to give them warning that POISON will be laid wherever they are most likely to get it.

JAMES COWAN.

October, 1877.

F O R S A L E

8-h.p. horizontal Steam Engine and Boiler, with winding and pumping gear

Several Sections in Cromwell Cottage (furnished) and Section in Melmore Terrace

Cottage and Section in Murray-street Shop and Dwelling in Melmore-street Cottage on Block IX.

Water-race of 12 heads (Lowburn)

Agricultural Lease Area of 200 Acres

Cromwell Coal Lease and Plant

Several Quartz-crushing Batteries

Bannockburn Water-race.

20 Acres, Freehold (fenced), adjoining Cromwell.

CHAS. COLCLOUGH,

Agent, Cromwell.

Cromwell

S W A N B R E W E R Y,

CROMWELL.

G. W. GOODGER . . Proprietor.

The Proprietor is now prepared to supply his unrivalled XXXX ALES in any quantity, delivered throughout the District.

Orders left at the Commercial Hotel, Cromwell, or at the Brewery, will be promptly attended to.

G. W. GOODGER.

WILLIAM SUTHERLAND

General

BLACKSMITH & FARRIER,

Begs to intimate to Mining Companies and the public generally that he has removed to

QUARTZVILLE,

where he hopes, by strict attention to business and reasonable charges, to merit a share of the public patronage.

CROMWELL

VETERINARY SHOEING FORGE,

MELMORE STREET.

ROBERT WISHART,
GENERAL BLACKSMITH, FARRIER, MACHINIST,
&c.

Every description of work in connection with Mining and Farming Tools and Machinery made and repaired on the premises.

Good Workmanship guaranteed at Reasonable Prices.

R. W. begs to intimate to the public generally that he has gone to the expense of fitting up a CAST-IRON BED for TIRING WHEELS, being the first introduced up-country; and in this branch he will guarantee to give every satisfaction.

Horses shod on the latest and most-approved principle.

Light shoes	10s.
Draught do.	16s.

N.B.—A large supply of Slesinger's Horse and Cattle Medicines on hand.

I M P O R T A N T T O W A G O N E R S, F A R M E R S, A N D T H E G E N E R A L P U B L I C.

N E W V E T E R I N A R Y & S H O E I N G F O R G E.

J A M E S R I C H A R D S,

Having purchased the business as General Blacksmith and Horse-shoer in Cromwell, lately carried on by Mr R. Cayford, begs to inform the public that he is in a position to execute every class of work in a most satisfactory manner at reasonable prices.

In the Veterinary and Shoeing Department the advertiser has considerable experience, and in these branches can guarantee to suit those who favor him with their patronage.

Horses carefully and skilfully treated for all complaints.

Note the Address—

MURRAY STREET, CROMWELL,

Opposite Messrs Grant and MacKellar's offices.

S H E R W O O D A N D W R I G H T,

W H O L E S A L E A N D R E T A I L

W I N E, S P I R I T, A N D P R O V I S I O N M E R C H A N T S, A N D G E N E R A L

S T O R E K E E P E R S,

MELMORE-STREET, CROMWELL.

Having completed their arrangements for the regular consignment of Goods suitable to the market, Sherwood and Wright have pleasure in intimating that they have now on hand, and constantly arriving, full supplies of

W I N E S, S P I R I T S, P R O V I S I O N S, A N D

F A M I L Y G R O C E R I E S

of the very best quality obtainable, and which will be found to compare most favorably as to price with those of any establishment on the Goldfields.

The Stock comprises every class of goods in above line, so that it is unnecessary to give a detailed list.

Messrs Sherwood and Wright have made arrangements for a constant supply of

F L O U R, B R A N, P O L L A R D, A N D G E N E R A L

P R O D U C E

of the finest quality from the Wakatipu Mills.

In this line the firm can offer special value.

G O O D S D E L I V E R E D T O A L L P A R T S O F T H E

D I S T R I C T.

F A M I L I E S R E G U L A R LY W A I T E D U P O N.

S. & W. desire specially to state that they have entered into arrangements for the regular supply to them of

D A I R Y P R O D U C T E

from one of the finest farms on the Taieri, an advantage which they feel sure their customers will fully appreciate.

Insurance Companies.

N O R W I C H U N I O N F I R E I N S U R-

A N C E S O C I E T Y.

R I S K S T A K E N O N T H E M O S T

L I B E R A L T E R M S.

J A M E S M A R S H A L L,

Melmore-Street, Cromwell

[ESTABLISHED, 1859.]

N E W Z E A L A N D I N S U R A N C

Hotels.

KIRTELBURN HOTEL,
ROARING MEG.

T. GORMAN ... Proprietor.

The travelling public will find every comfort and accommodation at this hospitable.

Wines, Beer, and Spirits of best brands.

J OHN M A R S H,
BRIDGE HOTEL,
CROMWELL.

VALUE FOR MONEY.

VICTORIA BRIDGE
HOTEL.

J. M'CORMICK ... Proprietor.

The above well-known Hotel (late Edwards') has undergone a thorough renovation at the hands of the present proprietor, and is now second to no house on the main road from Cromwell to Queenstown.

Travellers may rest assured that they will receive every attention at the above Hotel.

The excellent range of STONE STABLES is under the charge of an experienced Groom. Horses will therefore secure every attention.

BANNOCKBURN HOTEL & STORE,
DOCTOR'S FLAT, BANNOCKBURN,
(On the Main Road to the Nevis).

GROCERIES, CLOTHING, BOOTS, AND HOUSEHOLD REQUISITES of all descriptions kept in Stock

For The Goods, being obtained DIRECT from Dunedin, are retailed at the LOWEST POSSIBLE PRICES.

N.B.—Good Stabling, Horse Feed, &c.

JOHN RICHARDS, PROPRIETOR.

VICTORIA HOTEL,
CROMWELL.

JAMES STUART,
(Late of the Ferry Hotel, Bannockburn,) begs to intimate to his friends and the public that he has purchased the above Hotel, where he hopes, by strict attention to business, and by keeping the best Wines and Spirits, to merit a share of public patronage.

A first-class table kept, and superior eight-stall stone stable, replete with every convenience for Travellers. Unsurpassed in the District.

N.B.—The nearest Hotel to the Court-house.

C RITERION HOTEL,
ALEXANDRA.

HENRY TOHILL, Proprietor.

H. Tohill begs to inform the Travelling Public that this Hotel possesses every convenience, and trusts, by strict attention to the comfort of Travellers and the Public generally, to merit their patronage.

PRIVATE PARLOR AND BEDROOMS.

Large and commodious Billiard Room and Alcock's Prize Table.

THE BEST OF WINES, SPIRITS AND BEER ONLY KEPT.

The Culinary Department Specially attended to.

GOOD STABLING.

P ORT PHILIP HOTEL,
SUNDERLAND STREET, CLYDE.

JOHN COX, Proprietor.

This well-known Hotel possesses every accommodation; and J. C. begs to inform the Travelling Public that, to suit the times, he has determined on reducing the charges, which, from date, will be as follows:—

Stabling, per night 6s
Single Feed 2s
Meals and Bed, each 2s
Board and Lodging, per week 30s
Board only 20s

The Stables attached to the Hotel comprise, besides Stalls, Eight Loose Boxes. An efficient Groom always in attendance, and only the best of Provender kept.

Cobb and Co.'s. coaches arrive and depart from this Hotel.

THE BEST BRANDS OF SPIRITS, WINES, AND BEERS.

N.B.—A Private Cottage for Families, containing all the comforts of a home.

Hotel

B ALLARAT HOTEL,
ARROWTOWN.

Mrs G. B. BOND, Proprietress.

The above Hotel is replete with every convenience and comfort, rendering it eminently suitable for the travelling public, while permanent boarders will find all the comforts of a home.

FIRST-CLASS STABLING

Efficiently managed.

Prize Billiard Table, with all accessories and careful attendance.

Cromwell

E. M'CAFFREY,
PRACTICAL STONEWORKER AND
MONUMENTAL SCULPTOR
QUEENSTOWN.

Monuments, Headstones, Memorial Crosses and Tablets cut to any design.

Stone for Building and Coping supplied according to agreement.

Pillars, suitable for any kind of large building, from 1ft to 20ft lengths, any thickness.

For The above can be highly polished.

E. M'CAFFREY would beg to call particular attention to the stone, as the most eminent geologists at the Sydney Exhibition have pronounced the same to be imperishable, having a fine grain and capable of sustaining the finest ornamental work, which cannot be excelled in any part of the world. It is of a bright yellow color, which shows its brilliant nature.

Before buying send for a sample of his stone, which will be forwarded per return of post.

Address:

E. M'CAFFREY,
QUEENSTOWN.



FREE TRADE BUTCHERY.

(Wholesale and Retail).

JAMES DAWKINS - PROPRIETOR.

A supply of Beef, Mutton, Veal, Pork, Hams, Bacon, &c., always on hand.

* Meat delivered at Town Prices throughout the district.



R. AND W. OLDS,
FAMILY BUTCHERS,

MELMORE-STREET, CROMWELL.

In thanking householders of the town and district of Cromwell for the liberal patronage conferred upon them since starting business, desire to say that they have entered into such arrangements as will enable them to continue to supply their Customers with Beef, Mutton, Pork and other articles in the trade of the very best quality.

SMALL GOODS OF EVERY DESCRIPTION.

Families and Hotels waited upon daily.



THE CROMWELL BAKERY.

J. SCOTT,

BREAD AND BISCUIT BAKER,

Melmore-street, Cromwell.

* Families waited on for orders, and Bread regularly delivered in all parts of the district.

T HOMAS F O O T E,
TAILOR AND CLOTHIER

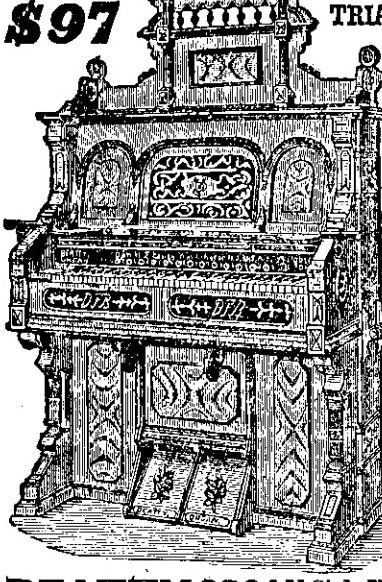
MELMORE TERRACE,

C R O M W E L L .

Choice Selection of Tweeds on hand.

BEATTY

▲ 13 Stop Organ
ONLY \$97 TEST TRIAL



CROMWELL ANNUAL RACE MEETING, DECEMBER, 1880.

THE CROMWELL DERBY

A Sweepstake of 5 sovs each for all acceptors, with 50 sovs added by the Club. Two sovs forfeit. For three-year-olds bred in Vincent, Lake and Maniototo Counties. Derby weight: Colts, 8st 10lbs; Fillies, 8st 5lbs. No allowance for geldings. Second horse to receive 20 per cent. of the stakes, and the third to save his stake. Distance, one mile and a half.

Nominations to be sent to the Secretary on or before the 24th day of May next; balance of sweep, £3, to be made good on night of general entry.

Declaration of forfeit to be made to the Secretary on or before Tuesday, the 9th day of November, 1880, or the nominator will be liable for the whole stake.

GEO. JENGUR,
Secretary.

TO THE PUBLIC OF CROMWELL AND SURROUNDING DISTRICTS.

MICHAEL DALEY,

BOOT AND SHOEMAKER,

Begs to inform the Inhabitants of Cromwell and Surrounding Districts that he has PURCHASED the STOCK-IN-TRADE of the late W. Taylor, and hopes for a continuance of the same liberal patronage enjoyed by the late firm.

All Orders and Repairs carefully and punctually attended to.

For Note the Address—

MELMORE TERRACE, CROMWELL
(Opposite Talboys' London House, Drapery Establishment).



N O T I C E

In pursuance of the 14th section of the Licensing Act, 1873, Amendment Act, 1874, I hereby Give Notice that the Quarterly Licensing Meeting for the Districts of Cromwell Town and Cromwell District will be held on Tuesday, the 2nd day of March, 1880, in the Court-house, Cromwell, at the hour of Noon, for the purpose of taking into consideration all Applications for Certificates for such Licenses as are authorised to be granted at the said meeting of the Licensing Court, and the Transfer or Renewal or Removal of Licenses, of which due notice shall have been given to me, for the aforesaid district in which the premises in respect of which the application is made are situated respectively.

S. MEAD DALGLIESH,
Clerk to Licensing Court,
Office of Clerk to Licensing Court,
Cromwell, January 26th, 1880.



N O T I C E

In pursuance of the 14th Section of the Licensing Act, 1873, Amendment Act, 1874, I hereby Give Notice that the Quarterly Licensing Meeting for the District of Cardrona will be held on Friday, the 26th day of March, 1880, at Pembroke at the hour of Noon, for the purpose of taking into consideration all Applications for Certificates for such Licenses as are authorised to be granted at the said meeting of the Licensing Court, and the Transfer or Renewal or Removal of Licenses of which due notice shall have been given to me, for the aforesaid district in which the premises in respect of which the application is made are situated respectively.

JAMES FLEMING,
Clerk to Licensing Court,
Office of Clerk to Licensing Court,
Arrowtown, January 24th, 1880.

NEW ZEALAND ACCIDENT INSURANCE COMPANY.

CAPITAL £100,000,
In shares of £1 each

The undersigned is authorised to receive early APPLICATIONS FOR SHARES.

CHAS. COLCLOUGH.

Vincent County Gazette.

NOTICE

The BENDIGO PUNT is OPEN FOR TRAFFIC from this date, and the LINDIS PUNT CLOSED.

I. D. MACGEORGE,
County Engineer.
County Offices, Clyde,
March 1, 1880.

CARRICK RANGE WATER SUPPLY CO. (REGISTERED).

A CALL of 2s 6d per Share has been made PAYABLE at the Company's Office, Cromwell, on WEDNESDAY, 10th March, 1880.

JAS. MARSHALL,
Manager.

PIPECLAY SLUDGE CHANNEL CO. (LIMITED).

A CALL of 1s per Share has been made PAYABLE at the Company's Office, Cromwell, on WEDNESDAY, 10th March, 1880.

JAS. MARSHALL,
Manager.

S. PATRICK'S NIGHT.

C. ANGEL,
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Invites his friends to

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To be held on the night of
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In celebration of the above event.

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R. WISHART,

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Begs to intimate that after 14th instant he will
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AT CORNER OF ERRIS-STREET.

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TO BE RUN ON TUESDAY, 30TH MARCH, 1880.

CONSULTATION FEE £1.

First £1000
Second	500
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Other Starters (divided)	1000
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		£5,000

The £1,000 for "other starters" will average about £166 for each horse.

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Applications should arrive before Saturday, 27th March, or they may be late.

Send Post-office orders or registered letters. Cheques should be crossed, and have £s exchange added.

Two postage stamps necessary.

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CROMWELL KILWINNING LODGE (S.C.)

The REGULAR MEETING will be held on WEDNESDAY EVENING, 3rd March, at 8 p.m.

By order of the R.W.M.

R. LOUDON,
Secretary.

V. R.
THE RATING ACT, 1876.
BOROUGH OF CROMWELL.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Assessment Court for the above-named Borough will sit at the Resident Magistrate's Court House, Cromwell, on FRIDAY, the 5th day of March next, at the hour of noon, for the purpose of hearing and determining all Objections to the Valuation Lists of rateable property in the Wards of the said Borough.

JACKSON KEDDELL,
Judge of Assessment Court.
Clyde, February 17th, 1880.

V. R.
VINCENT COUNTY.

ASSESSMENT COURT.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Assessment Court for the purpose of Hearing and Determining all Objections to the Valuation Lists prepared for the above District of Vincent County for the current year, will sit on the dates and at the places mentioned hereunder:—

NAME OF RIDING.	DATE AND HOUR OF SITING.	PLACE WHERE COURT HELD.
Hawea, Lindis, Clutha, Kawarau and Nevis ...	Saturday, 6th March, 1880, 11 a.m.	The County Office, Cromwell Bridge, Cromwell.
Maherikia and Matakanui ...	Tuesday, 9th March, 1880, 12 noon	The Resident Magistrate's Court House, Clydesdale.
Dunstan and Earscleigh ...	Thursday, 18th March, 1880, 12 noon	The Resident Magistrate's Court House, Clydesdale.

JACKSON KEDDELL, R.M.,
Judge of the Assessment Court
for Vincent County.

R.M. Office, Clyde,
February 3, 1880.

BOROUGH OF CROMWELL.
Extraordinary Vacancy for Councillor for Bridge Ward.

NOMINATIONS for the office of COUNCILLOR for Bridge Ward will be received at the Council Chambers, Cromwell, at noon on THURSDAY, 11th March, 1880.

Dated at Cromwell this 24th day of February, 1880.

JAS. MARSHALL,
Returning Officer for Bridge Ward.

TOWN OF CROMWELL.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 10, 1880.

At 3 o'clock.

At the Council Chambers.

SALE BY AUCTION.

FRONTAGES TO MELMORE-STREET.

The CORPORATION will OFFER For Sale by Auction on WEDNESDAY, 10th March, at 3 o'clock p.m., at the Town Hall, about 20 SECTIONS on the south side of Melmore-street divided into suitable frontages.

The Purchasers will obtain the right of possession 30 days after sale, to allow of removal of buildings in the interval.

TERMS AT SALE.

CHAS. COLCLOUGH,

Mayor.

WEDNESDAY, 10TH MARCH.

At 2 p.m.

At the late Mr W. Taylor's Residence.

VALUABLE RACE HORSES.

HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, &c.

In the Estate of Mr William Taylor, deceased.

CHARLES COLCLOUGH H.

will sell by auction on Wednesday, 10th

March, at the late Mr Taylor's residence (corner of Murray and Balina streets),

The well-known Race-Horses HARICOT and BOUGHLEEN DHOUN

Also,

A quantity of HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE—good and useful.

NO RESERVE.

CHAS. COLCLOUGH,

Auctioneer.

THURSDAY, 11TH MARCH,

At 3 o'clock.

WALTER PEAK STATION,
WAKATIPU LAKE.

FOR SALE BY AUCTION.

MACLEAN & CO. will submit to auction, at their Rooms, Manse-street, Dunedin, on the above date,

THE WALTER PEAK STATION,

Comprising

24,000 acres or thereby, of which

10,000 acres are held on Pastoral Lease, expiring 31st March, 1881,

Together with

8,000 First-class Merino Sheep, viz.,

5,000 Wethers, chiefly young

3,000 Ewes and Lambs

50 Rams

And

A few head of Cattle and Horses.

The improvements consist of a new stone dwelling-house of five rooms, with verandahs, &c., woolshed, drafting yards, men's huts, shearing paddocks, large fruit and vegetable garden, &c.

The sheep are in excellent order, and are a particularly good flock, being chiefly bred from rams imported from Victoria; and the site of Homestead is one of the most beautiful and easily accessible in the Lake district.

Terms: One-third cash; balance at one and two years.

For further particulars, apply to

DALGETY & CO.,

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Or to

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G. P. would wish to draw the attention of Proprietors and Managers of Hydraulic-worked Mines to the utility and economy of the WATER DIRECTOR, with the Ball and Socket Joint, which can be attached to the Iron Piping, thus altogether dispensing with canvas hose; and, with full pressure on, a child of ten years can move it any direction.

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FORESALE.

240 MERINO RAMS—in lots to suit

Purchasers.

Apply to

H. F. WILLMOTT,

Mt Pisa Station.

POSTAL NOTICE.

The next Suez mail will close here on Wednesday, March 10th, at noon.

W. T. WARD, Postmaster.

BIRTH.

At Dunedin, on February 27th, the wife of S. H. Jenkinson, of a Son.

MARRIAGE.

On 28th February, at St. Paul's, Dunedin, by Ven. Archdeacon Edwards, H. F. Willmott to Emily, youngest daughter of late Capt. Barnes, Highbury, London.

Cromwell Argus,
AND NORTHERN GOLD-FIELDS CAZETTE.

CROMWELL: TUESDAY, MARCH 2, 1880.

TELEGRAPHIC NEWS.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

DUNEDIN, This Day, 10.58 a.m.

Thomas Dick has joined the Ministry as Colonial Secretary.

James Duncan, landlord of the Empire Hotel, Palmerston, has been thrown from his horse, sustaining concussion of the brain. He is not expected to recover.

The Surveyor-General has been instructed to use all possible expedition in opening up blocks of land on deferred payments in various parts of the colony, but notably in Otago.

The Government telegraphed to-day to Vogel impressing on him the necessity of cautioning persons without means against coming out to the colony at the present time, and until the existing depression has passed. Vogel has also been fully informed of the prevailing distress and bad times.

At Auckland, Young, the Native Land Purchase Commissioner, has been committed for trial for stealing £50. Heavy bail has been accepted.

The Colonial Prize-firing has commenced with 270 competitors. The All-comers Match is finished—Paynter of Nelson and Wilson of Taranaki leading with 27 each. A Maori chief has died at Wakapuaka, aged 110 years.

Pastor Chiniquy is drawing large audiences in Dunedin.

At Lawrence, Ah You has been sentenced to six months for stealing gold.

ments. It is generally believed the Opposition will obtain a majority of 12.

By a new standing order power is given to the Speaker and Chairman of Committees to "name" any offender so that the House can vote his suspension for that day without debate; if the obstruction be thrice repeated the offender may be suspended for one week or longer.

John Henry Challis, an old resident of Sydney, died suddenly, and left £100,000 to the University.

One or two lists having yet to come in, the local subscriptions to the Irish Relief Fund cannot be published till next week.

Thanks to the energy displayed by the County officers, the Bendigo Punt at Rocky Point is now open again for public traffic.

It is officially notified that Mr Richard Norman has been appointed postmaster at Albert Town, Mr Wm. Johnston at Bendigo, and Mr S. A. Potter, at Nevis Crossing.

Mr F. H. Daniel, Chairman of the Lake County Council, has been elected to fill the vacancy caused by the retirement of Mr M' Ardell from the Bluff Harbour Board.

The appointment of Registrar for the Dunstan Electoral district, under the "Registration of Electors' Act, 1879," has been conferred upon Mr A. D. Harvey, Mining Registrar, and Clerk to the Court at Clyde.

The Chinaman arrested at Hogburn on a charge of selling spurious gold at Cromwell, was brought before the Mayor on Wednesday and discharged, the police being unable to prove that accused sold the particular parcel in which the base metal was detected.

Our enterprising townsman Mr Talboys, of the London drapery establishment, has of late been making great improvements in his business premises, the considerable enlargement of which shows off his large and varied stock to great advantage. Evidently Mr Talboys has full faith in the future of the town.

On our sixth page appears an abridged report of the Dunedin Races, for which we are indebted to the *Daily Times*. By means of our "Extra" board, the public were during the race-meeting kept fully posted up in the results of the various events; but no doubt the more extended report will be acceptable to a large section of our readers.

We have received a letter from Blacks, signed "Gaberlunzie," in convection with an assault case there on New Year's Day, in which the writer to some extent exonerates the assaulting party. We must decline to insert the communication, and in doing so may remark that had we been aware that certain law cases were before the Court in the matter under notice, the letter of "Manuherikia," published a week or two back, would not have appeared.

The lease by the County authorities of the punt at Alexandra expired on 25th inst., and we have reason to believe it is the intention of the owners to demand an advance of £212 on the rent of the past year (£388)—being in all the modest sum of £600. As it is a certainty that the County Council will decline to meet the owners on such terms, it would be well for them to moderate their request to a reasonable figure, otherwise the punt will doubtless be handed over to them, and traffic in a large measure diverted to Clyde via Conroys, much to the injury of the town of Alexandra.

A nasty accident happened at Clyde on Saturday to a son of Inspector Hickson, a boy of eight or nine years of age. The youngster was riding a horse along the street and by some means let go the reins and fell to the ground. On being picked up the boy was insensible, and continued so for several hours. Strangely enough, on recovering consciousness, he had no recollection whatever of the accident. Unfortunately no medical man was present, Dr. Sleeman—who is acting for Dr. Leahy during absence—being at Blacks. We learn the lad is now progressing favorably.

An accident occurred this morning to Samuel Williams, a well-known quartz miner at the Carrick Range. It appears that Williams was inspecting some old workings in the "Aledonia" claim, and had occasion to walk along a drive, in which a blind shaft, some 80 feet deep, had been sunk. Across this a slab had been laid, and Williams in stepping on it by some means slipped and fell on the edge of the shaft. Fortunately he clung to the slab, or there is no doubt a fall to the bottom would have been fatal. As it was, three or four ribs on the right side are broken, but it is hoped that the lungs have not been injured, and that he may soon be able to resume his work.

The ordinary meeting of the Borough Council should take place on Friday evening. In all probability one of the matters to be dealt with will be the proposed sale of the Corporation share in the Westmoreland water-race. Although at the present time there may not be much practical good derived from this property, yet there is no doubt, under proper control, it may be made of great utility for irrigation purposes on the terrace, and members should seriously consider whether they will be acting wisely in disposing of the right. The purchase-money is not likely to compensate in any degree for the benefits the water can be made to confer.

That part of Melmore-street popularly known as "Block IX." is at present undergoing considerable change, by reason of the removal of sundry buildings that have stood upon it for many years to sections recently purchased in fee simple from the Corporation. There is promise that in a few months the street will have a much improved appearance. This would be more assured were the Borough authorities to enact a by-law regulating the class of building that should not be allowed to abut on the main thoroughfare. At last meeting of Council this subject was mooted, but no definite course was determined upon. It is to be hoped the matter will not be lost sight of, as an opportunity now offers for rendering slightly what has long been an eye-sore that, if lost, will not occur again for years in all probability.

At last week's meeting of the Waste Lands Board certificates for agricultural leases were approved in favor of B. Dubig, section 7, block V., and R. Kidd, section 35, block III., both in Cromwell district, as was also an application by Jas. Campbell to purchase section 5, block XV.

Ratepayers of Cromwell are not so badly off after all. In Christchurch they have to face the possibility of a rate of about 4s in the pound, and that without enjoying the benefits derivable from a supply of pure water, or any water at all but what is obtained by means of artesian wells.

The Marlborough *Express* says:—Mr Daniel Moore, a gold prospector of considerable experience, well-known by his discovery of the valuable goldfields at Moore Gully, Macetown, and Carrick Ranges, left Picton on prospecting expedition to one or two spots in the Pelorus Sound, where, it is rumoured, good leads are to be found. Mr Moore leaves for Sydney shortly *en route* for England, where it is his intention to raise the capital necessary for working several rich reefs that he is alleged to have discovered in this Province and Wellington.

New South Wales has contributed a total of £20,000 to the Irish Relief Fund. In this connection the following message from the Lady Mayoress of Dublin to the Australian and New Zealand Press will be read with interest:—"As the daughter of Caroline Chisholm, the emigrant's friend, I thank the Australian people for their magnificent subscriptions to the Mansion-house fund for the relief of the Irish distress. I don't know what we could have done without your aid. It made me so proud of my old home. £1500 per the Bank of Australasia, £1500 per the Union Bank of Australia, £500 from Launceston, and £1000 from Adelaide have just been received. Again, thanks."

The following advertisement is taken from the last number of the *N. Z. Churchman*:—"Wanted for Cromwell District, Otago, a Church of England Clergyman, Address, Churchwardens, Cromwell."—Same authority says that some curious stories have reached us as to the feeling of the church people in Queenstown prior to the visit there of the Rev. G. P. Beaumont and the Bishop. It appears that they were highly indignant at the complete neglect of the district during the absence of the Bishop, and almost determined never to try to obtain the services of a clergyman again. A curious method by the way of cutting off their nose to spite their face to which some people are much given. We believe that a very different feeling now prevails, and we trust it will not be long ere the parish of St. Michael's, Queenstown, will again have a curate.

BRITISH AND FOREIGN NEWS.

[By CABLE.]
(FROM DUNEDIN DAIRIES.)

ROME, February 23.

The Italian Government has resolved to send an official representative to the Melbourne International Exhibition, and will take other steps for the due representation of that country.

CALCUTTA, February 24.

The Finance Minister made his Financial Statement in the Legislature to-day, and it was very favorably received. The surplus shown amounted to £400,000. There will therefore be no increase of taxation, nor loans floated.

LONDON, February 23.

The Right Hon. H. C. E. Childers has conferred with the Premier and the Prince of Wales about his Royal Highness being appointed the British official agent at the Melbourne Exhibition. It is expected that an affirmative reply will be received.

Adelaide wheat has further advanced, and to-day is quoted at 5s 6d per 46lb ex warehouse.

February 24.

In the House of Commons yesterday Sir Stafford Northcote (Chancellor of the Exchequer) gave notice of a motion, having for its object the punishment of members that systematically obstructed the business of the House. The motion proposes that members guilty of obstruction shall be temporarily suspended from the privilege of sitting in Parliament.

At the wool auction to-day 8,400 bales were were catalogued, prices being firmly maintained.

The British Government consents to the request to appoint a representative of Britain to the Melbourne Exhibition.

It is considered probable that Earl Beaconsfield will dissolve Parliament on March 3rd.

The Nihilists threaten to fire St Petersburg and destroy all public buildings unless a Liberal Government is conceded.

The latest news from Afghanistan states that several leading insurgent chiefs manifest an apparent willingness to submit.

February 25.

In the House of Commons motions were made to restrict the duration of Parliament to five years, and also to abolish the immunity of members of Parliament and Peers from arrest. Both motions were defeated.

The wool sales are animated. There were catalogued 160,000 bales. The sales close earlier than anticipated.

February 26.

An anti-rent meeting was being held to-day at Portadown, Ireland, when a large body of Orangemen made an attack on the assembled crowd, and a serious conflict ensued. A number on both sides were wounded.

M. Melikoff replaces M. Gourka as Governor of St. Petersburg.

A plot to murder the Sultan has been discovered.

At the wool sales to-day 10,800 bales were offered, making a total of 84,300 bales catalogued since the opening. The increase is firmly maintained.

WASHINGTON, February 26.

General Grant is generally accepted for the coming election for President of the United States.

ST. PETERSBURG, February 26.

An Imperial ukase has been published appointing General Melikoff head of the Supreme Commission for the repression of disorder in the city. He has been invested with unlimited power for the punishment of offenders.

VOLUNTEER INTELLIGENCE.

Considerable animation existed during last week among the Volunteers of Lake District consequent upon the annual prize-firing contest between the three companies, the prizes and conditions of which were published at length in these columns a couple of weeks back. Added to the money prizes competed for, there was a three-guinea medal (contributed by the officers) to go to the highest individual scorer in the District. But seemingly the greatest incentive to good shooting was the District Cup, value 12 guineas (also subscribed by the commissioned officers), which was won for the first time last year by the Queenstown corps with an aggregate for the five highest men of 332 points, Cromwell on that occasion missing the trophy by only one point. This year the tables have been turned, and Cromwell secures temporary possession of the Cup, with an aggregate of 331—curiously enough the exact figures scored for the local company last year. The Queenstown aggregate shows for 324, and Arrow for 320. Of the money prizes, five will fall to the Cromwell company—Sub-Lieut. Colclough securing first place (£3 and silver medal), with a score of 68. Queenstown takes two prizes, and Arrow three. Considering the disadvantages the District Volunteers have suffered in being during greater part of the past year without ammunition for practice, the shooting has been exceptionally good, and, looking to the number of men competing, excels that of some of the crack corps on the coast. At Queenstown 23 men fired, of whom 15 scored 40 points and over up to 67; at Cromwell, 19 competed, of whom 16 ranged from 68 down to 44 points. Arrow complete returns are not yet in, but doubtless they show equally satisfactory averages. We append in detail the scores of those in the Cromwell and Queenstown companies who reached 40 and over, together with the five highest at Arrow:

CROMWELL.			
	200yds	400yds	500yds Tl.
Lieut. Colclough—£3			
and medal	24	25	19 — 68
Sergt. Graham—£3 23		24	26 — 67
Vol. Aitken—£1 2s			
6d	22	25	19 — 66
Sergt. Story—£1 2s			
6d	20	21	24 — 65
Lieut. Jolly—17s 6d 23		19	23 — 65
Corp. Menzies	21	25	19 — 65
Vol. Scott	20	24	16 — 60
Vol. Pryde	21	22	17 — 60
Vol. Thomas	19	22	18 — 59
Capt. Brown	23	17	17 — 57
Bugler Richards	21	16	19 — 56
Col.-Sergt. Crabb	21	15	15 — 51
Vol. Murrell	18	14	16 — 48
Vol. Gudgeon	23	12	13 — 48
Vol. Henry	17	17	11 — 44
Vol. Peake	19	16	9 — 45

Cup Competition—First five men : 331.

QUEENSTOWN.			
Col.-Sgt. J. Boyne—			
£3 10s	22	25	20 — 67
Lieut. Eichardt—£1			
7s 6d	22	17	26 — 65
Gr. Morgan	21	23	20 — 64
Sergt. Bodkin	23	22	19 — 64
Gr. Wilmott	22	23	19 — 64
Sergt. Aldred	23	24	17 — 64
Band-Cor. Gibbon	24	24	15 — 63
Sergt. Waldman	23	19	20 — 62
Gr. Daniel	19	25	17 — 61
Lance-Cor. Gantley	22	18	17 — 57
Gr. Bryant	20	21	13 — 54
Bandsman Arnal	17	14	20 — 51
Gr. Shore	19	23	2 — 44
Cor. W. Boyne	14	12	14 — 40
Gr. McHaffey	17	16	7 — 40

Cup Competition—First five men : 324.

ARROW.			
Sergt. Sykes—£2 5s 24	23	19	66
Lieut. Healey—12s 21	20	24	65
Vol. Stoddart—10s 23	21	21	65
Vol. Laxton	19	23	20 — 62
Vol. Webb	19	24	19 — 62

Cup Competition—First five men : 320.

RANGE PRIZES.			
200yds (10s.)	Sub-Lieut. Colclough.	400yds (12s.)	Sub-Lieut. Colclough.
400yds (15s.)	Lieut. Eichardt.	500yds (15s.)	Lieut. Eichardt.

Major-General Davidson, Inspector of Volunteers in the Middle Island, will, we understand, inspect the companies in Lake District during the ensuing week. It is to be regretted that the notice of the gallant officer's visit is so short, as it will no doubt be found a difficult matter to get a satisfactory muster where members are widely scattered. It is, however, to be hoped that a special effort will be made in this direction by the various corps.

The Cadets at Queenstown and Arrow will compete for the prize-money set apart for them (£4 17s.), at the first-named place on Tuesday and Wednesday, 16th and 17th March, inst., and at Arrow on two following days. The money has been divided into 13 prizes, ranging from 17s 6d to 1s. The ranges will be 100, 150, and 200 yards, seven shots at each range, any position throughout—second-class target.

A Government inspection parade of the Cromwell Rifles took place on Wednesday evening last, at which there was a large attendance—the night being beautifully clear moonlight. After muster opposite the Town Hall the company was marched on to the terrace, where an hour and a-half's steady drill was gone through under Lieuts. Jolly and Colclough. The movements consisted chiefly of wheeling, skirmishing and battalion drill, all of which were gone through with steadiness and

QUEENSTOWN.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

February 28.

The weather was indifferent for the District Prize firing and the scores smaller than last year. Had the local Company fired the same days as you and the Arrow Company did, the result would have been much better, for in some private matches that have been since shot off with calmer weather 72, 71, 69, and 68 have been made—at least so it is stated.

We have had two failures, Mr Julian Bordean, whose failure has been anticipated in consequence of his having some months ago obtained time to meet his engagements, is the first; the other is Mr Robert M'Moran, well-known throughout the Goldfields. Heavy losses in sheep and cattle on the Greenstone through floods and bad seasons, and an adverse verdict in the District Court, are the causes. I understand that Bordean's filed statement shows debts amounting to close on £4000. M'Moran's liabilities are set down as about £500.

Mr George Atkins is the only fortunate one in this district I hear of in connection with Dunedin Cup "consultations," having drawn a starter in Dodson's named Betrayer—not altogether in this instance a fitting name.

That which the builders rejected has become the chief corner-stone. The fine building stone of Mr E. M'Caffrey has obtained a well-deserved recognition, being first in its class at the Sydney Exhibition. It is a grand stone, and takes a high polish. Mr Boyne's new store here has its lower front pillars dressed with it, and they look exceedingly well.

Mr M'Arthur, Chief Surveyor of Otago, and Mr Maitland, chief Land Commissioner, are here. The first-named gentleman is making his annual tour, and is also, it is understood, required to report upon matters affecting land settlement. On Monday they proceed to that "debateable ground" the Head of the Lake, and will not be able to please all parties. The run is a grand one—has natural boundaries, can be worked with a few hands at a nominal cost, and is rich in pasture. It is one of those runs admirably suited for agriculture and dairy farms, and with the Lake washing its base transport presents no difficulties or increased cost. It is also well watered and timbered, and there is sure to be a well-fought contest to get it thrown into the market.

The country is presenting a very parched appearance. Some rain fell on the 23rd inst., but it was not much, and merely cooled the surface of the ground, and hot, dry, exhausting weather has succeeded. The gardens suffer considerably, owing to the weather being favorable for the spread of blight—the red spider and caterpillar. The latter are attacking the larger fruit. The yield from the crops is not so heavy as expected, but the grain has been gathered in fine condition. It is yet too soon to estimate accurately the yield of wheat and oats. The barley crop is now being got in, and is expected to turn out better than at one time imagined.

The rise in the price of wool has gladdened the hearts of the sheep owners. Heavy losses have fallen upon those who rented the depasturing runs during the last two years, and this change for the better has infused a more hopeful spirit with holders of them. They have recently repurchased, in most instances, their former runs at reduced rentals, and should the rise continue to hold good they will reap a good return, as they have made the necessary outlay in the past for improvements; so that with a cheaper tenure, and the increased price of wool, they may be said to be making quite a new, and comparatively inexpensive, departure.

The Queenstown Episcopalian Church was getting out of debt under a system of lay-readership, with the occasional services held by visiting ministers. The Bishop recently visited the district, and one result is the appointment of the Rev. Mr Grainger to the vacant incumbency. It is really very doubtful if we can afford to support three clergymen in this district at present. The Presbyterians have the great advantage of the Dunedin Church Lands Fund, and the administration of which under law makes that Church practically almost self-supporting, or will soon do so. The Catholics are a numerous body, and have ever been taught that it is their duty to support their priesthood. It is otherwise with the Church of England, which has no rich endowments to fall back upon. It is thought that these dull times are badly chosen to renew an experiment that has upon previous occasions landed the united parishes in difficulty and in debt.

Trout fishing has become quite a favorite amusement. To show the extent it is pursued one instance will suffice. Mr J. S. Worthington, the local Secretary of the Otago Acclimatisation Society, commenced fishing on the 18th November, and has not been able to devote much time to the sport, yet up to the 24th inst., he had caught 256 fish. One day last week, never fishing over more than 30 yards of Hayes Creek, he caught 50 fish weighing from 6 to 12 ozs, and on the 24th himself and friend caught in a couple of hours time ten fish weighing from 1½ lb to 5 lbs each, besides smaller ones. The ten fish formed a most tempting basket. The larger trout have the neat clean small head and a well-developed frame. The largest two fish were presented to the inmates of the Wakatipu Hospital, who would just have 1lb weight of fish to each one's share. Messrs. Gilmore and Butel have been equally successful, and more so because they have devoted more time to the rod and line.

The quantities do not seem to diminish and nearly every creek is positively alive with the fish hatching out this season. With the net there have also been some good catches of perch in Lake Wakatipu. Mr Worthington and others are of opinion that the fishing season should commence a month later (say 1st December,) and close with the month of February, instead of 31st March. The fish are just now on the turn, and beginning to lose flavor. In another fortnight they will be out of esteem.

DUNEDIN ANNUAL RACES.

The Autumn Meeting of the Dunedin Jockey Club for 1880 began at Forbury Park on Thursday. The weather was dull, but warm, so that the enjoyment of visitors was in no way marred in this most important particular. The attendance was about the average, perhaps under, if anything, what it usually has been on a Cup day. His Excellency the Governor was on the ground with his lady and party during the meeting, and a part of the grand-stand was specially railed off for their accommodation. Two totalisators were a feature in the day's proceedings. They were worked in an almost entirely successful manner.

Of the racing but little need be said by way of introduction. The finish in the Free Handicap was a very exciting one, and again in the Cup the three first horses were all abreast. The Cup caused immense excitement. Grip came into favor for it upon his owner declaring to win with him. The time was the best the Cup has been done in, last year's time being beaten by a second. There can be no question that Mata won it with a good deal to spare. His victory did not appear at all a popular one, for an attempt was made to get up a cheer on his weighing-in, but it was not responded to. It was universally admitted that the quality of the horses taking part in the races was of first-class character all round. Of the two-year-olds, Sir Modred and the Waimea colt give promise of turning out racehorses of a superior type, and in three-year-olds there were present the most fashionably bred animals in New Zealand.

The following are the particulars of the racing:—

FIRST DAY.

FREE HANDICAP, of 60 sovs. For two-year-olds and upwards. One mile.

Mr P Butler's ch m Luna, 5 yrs, 7st 3lb (C Rudings) 1

Hon W Robinson's br f On Dit, 3 yrs, 6st 1lb (W Martin) 2

Messrs Mason and Vallance's ch f Tera, 3 yrs, 6st 3lb ... (Hawkins) 3

Maria Antoinette, Voltigeur and Glendyne also ran.

The start was effected after a good deal of fiddling, but when the horses did get away they were fairly together. Maria Antoinette came away with a rush, and past the stand she led by two or three lengths, with Voltigeur second, the others following at intervals of a length. Voltigeur shortly afterwards went up, but he could not maintain his place, and Luna then began to make her appearance. On Dit had also gone up, and she got on level terms with Marie, till coming into the straight the latter gave out, leaving On Dit a length in front of Luna. Luna put on speed, however, and a grand struggle between the two ensued in the straight, Luna getting her nose in front first on the post.

CHAMPAGNE STAKES, for two-year-olds; a sweepstakes of 10 sovs each, with 100 sovs added.

The second horse to receive 20 sovs from the stakes. Six furlongs.

Hon R Campbell's b c Sir Modred, by Traducer—Idalia, 8st 10lb (W Clifford) 1

Mr W C Webb's ch c by Anteros—Revoke, 8st 10lb ... (F Boyder) 2

Mr Chaafe's ch c by Traducer—Waimea, 8st 10lb ... (S Waddell) 3

Benvolio and the Flat Iron filly also started.

The Waimea colt had slightly the pull in the betting for this event, although the totalisator told a different tale. Sir Modred was not pushed until the horses came to the turn, when he overhauled the pair of chestnuts, soon putting them in trouble. Towards the stand he got a clear lead, and won by a length from the two, the Revoke colt beating the Waimea colt by a head for second honors. The other two were never in the hunt after the first few hundred yards. Time, 1 min 21 sec.

DUNEDIN CUP, a handicap of 500 sovs., with a sweepstakes of 10 sovs. each added. The second horse to receive 50 sovs. and the third 20 sovs. from the stakes. Two miles and a distance.

Mr E Cutts' b g Mata, 5 yrs, 8st 9lb (F Matthews) 1

Mr R Ray's b m Titania, 6 yrs, 7st 4lb (Wattie) 2

Hon W. Robinson's br h Foul Play, 5 yrs (including 7lb penalty), 8st 12lb (Derrit) 3

Mr H Prince's ch g Longlands, 5 yrs, 7st 12lb 0

Mr G Fraser's br c Betrayer, 3 yrs, 7st 10lb 0

Mr R Ray's b c Hornby, 4 yrs, 7st 8lb ...

Messrs Mason and Vallance's br g Camballo, 5 yrs 7st 3lb ...

Hon W. Robinson's blk c Grip, 3 yrs, 7st 2lb 0

Mr W. Walters' br c Libeller, 3 yrs, 6st 5lb 0

Mr J Chaafe's b h Atlantic, 14 yrs, 6st 5lb 0

Natator was scratched at 10.20 a.m.

Mr Ray declared to win with Titania, and Mr Robinson with Grip.

Betting: Even money against Titania, 3 to 1 Mata, 4 to 1 Grip, 6 to 1 Foul Play, 7 to 1 Libeller, 10 to 1 Hornby and Betrayer, 100 to 1 Camballo, 100 to 5 Longlands and Atlantic.

The saddling-up of the various horses was watched with more or less eager interest, according as they were favorites or not. Mata attracted a large crowd, as also did Foul Play and Grip and Libeller. Titania was one of the first to take her canter. She was in a considerable lather, and was evidently anxious for a

gallop. Many a remark was passed, "There goes the winner," as Wattie took her up the straight. Mata was very quiet and he was in the pink of condition. His wonderful hind-quarters struck many with the suggestion that in the final run along the straight, if it were wanted, he would be able to travel. Foul Play was not much noticed, the fact of Grip having been named as the winner by the owner accounting for this. At the start Betrayer suffered a little, but the starter was quite right in letting them go when he did. It was the best start of the day. Libeller, Atlantic, and Grip came away in front towards the stand, Longlands being at the rear entirely. Going round to the right the Auckland colt was still in front, with Atlantic as his immediate attendant, Grip and Mata a length behind, slightly in front of Camballo; Foul Play, Titania, Hornby, and Betrayer, in the order named, with Longlands tailing off. At three-quarters of a mile Wattie brought Titania up through her horses, and passing the stand the second time the favorite was fairly in front, a little before Libeller and Camballo, next to whom lay Atlantic, Mr Robinson's pair, Hornby, and Mata in a cluster. Rounding the turn to the right Titania began to draw farther away, and as Libeller and Camballo began to drop back at this juncture, Atlantic and Mata took second and third places. At the back of the course and half a mile from home the field momentarily closed this together again, with the exception of Longlands; but before reaching the distance-post the final effort had found out the weak spots of the majority, and the final struggle was left to Titania, Mata, Betrayer, Foul Play, and Grip. Mr Ray's mare held a clear lead as they turned into the straight; but Foul Play was becoming dangerous, and Mata just at the moment came up to join issue. A grand race then ensued. Mata was kept going alongside the two others, while Titania was getting the whip, and Derrit was riding Foul Play all he knew. Mata, however, held them both safe, and on the post he beat Titania by almost half a length, while Foul Play was almost within a head of the mare. The finish caused great excitement. The time was 3min. 56sec., the fastest on record, as it was expected to be considering the state of the course.

LADIES' PURSE, of 50 sovs. One mile and a-half. Welter weight for age.

Mr H H Prince's br c Hilarious, 2yrs, 6st 6lb ... (Mr McLaren) 1

Messrs Mason and Vallance's b c Volunteer, 3yrs, 10st 3lb ... (Mr Bradley) 2

Hilarious was the favorite, and was backed at 3 and 4 to 1. This race needs no description, as Hilarious led from start to finish, and won as he liked.

PUBLICANS' HANDICAP, of 80 sovs. One mile and a-quarter.

Mr H H Prince's br c Hilarious, 2yrs, 6st 6lb ... (Matthews) 1

Mr W. Walters' b c Billingsgate, 3yrs, 7st 11lb (Holdson) 2

Hon W. Robinson's ch h Natator, 4yrs, 8st 11lb ... (Derrit) 3

At the fall of the flag Luna went away with a strong lead, Billingsgate and Natator running together about three-quarters of a length behind. Before a mile had been covered, Natator had dropped into third place, and was evidently out of the race. Luna won easily in 1min 19sec.

SELLING RACE, of 40 sovs. One mile and a-half.

Mr W C Webb's ch c Adamant, 3yrs, 8st 11lb (Dodger) 1

Mr W A Johns' b g Glendyne, 5yrs, 7st 1lb ... 2

Mr J Chaafe's ch g Glengary, aged, 7st 3lb ... 3

Mr J Cotton's ch m Maud, 4yrs, 8st 5lb ... 0

Mr I Longman's b g Concrete, 3yrs, 7st 5lb 0

The race was a very simple one. Templeton dropped behind from the start, and at half the distance he must have been nearly six lengths behind. Ray rode him hard for some distance, but he never could get within three or four lengths.

HACK RACE, of 20 sovs. One mile. Catch weights.

Mr Taggart's b g Spey 1

Mr W A John's Toryboy 2

(Matthews) 1

(Nolan) 2

Mr R Ray's b h Templeton, aged, 9st 1lb (Owner) 3

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SECOND DAY.

The Hurdle Race was the first on the programme. It resulted in a victory for Mr D'Master's Scamp, a horse which, we believe we are correct in stating, is by Roebuck, and was bred by Mr Wm. Fraser, of Earnscleugh station, Dunstan. The running of the Cromwell entire. Architect, was watched with some interest. He finds the timber a small obstacle, but he wanted the foot. The Victorian hero, Lone Hand, must have surely fallen off wonderfully. He was all at sea, taking his fences badly, and galloping very poorly.

HANDICAP HURDLE RACE, of 65 sovs. The second horse to receive 10 sovs. from the stakes. Two miles and a distance, over 10 flights of hurdles, 3ft 6in high.

Mr D M Master's ch g Scamp, aged, 9st 12lb (Allan) 1

Mr J H Lunn's gr m Alice Grey, aged, 8st 10lb ... (Clifford) 2

Mr J W Cotton's b g Thilo, 6yrs, 9st (Owner) 3

Black Prince, Alice Grey, Architect, and Marie Antoinette were scratched.

At the third hurdle Robin Hood slipped and fell, while Thilo at the fourth threw his rider.

Scamp and the grey went along together until the hedge was reached leading on to the sand-hills, when the latter faltered. Scamp had it all to himself after this, never making a mistake, but taking things so coolly that he was able to walk up and down the sand-hills; and he won by nearly a quarter of a mile from Robin Hood, amidst cheers.

FORBURY HANDICAP, of 150 sovs. One mile and a-half.

Hon W. Robinson's br h Foul Play, 5 yrs, 8st 11lb ... (Allan) 1

Mr H. Goodman's br h Chancellor, 5 yrs 8st 5lb ... (Clifford) 2

Mr W. Walters' b c Libeller, 3 yrs, 6st 3lb ... 3

Foul Play carried all the money for this event, and the result justified the public faith.

The start was a really good one.

QUEEN'S PLATE, of 80 sovs. with a sweepstakes of 5 sovs. each; the second horse to receive the amount accruing from the sweepstakes. Two miles and a distance. Weight for age.

Mr E Cutts' b g Mata, 5 yrs, 9st 1lb ... (Matthews) 1

Messrs Mason and Vallance's b c Volunteer, 3 yrs, 7st 7lb 2

Any odds were laid upon Mata for this event; indeed it was generally supposed that Volunteer was started only for the sake of the sweepstakes.

Not an investment was made in the totalisator.

Just towards the turn Volunteer came up, and to the surprise of everybody he was seen to be

intent on challenging the Cup winner.

Still further to the surprise of everybody, he got on

level terms with Mata, and amidst great ex-

citement passed him and got a good neck in

front. Mata, however, came again, and the horses passed the post so close together that the

Judge gave it a dead heat. It was agreed that

the run off should take place just previous to

the Consolation, but Volunteer was scratched

ere this, and the stakes therefore were awarded

to Mata, after a walk over.

FLYING HANDICAP, of 80 sovs. One mile and a distance.

Hon W. Robinson's b h Foul Play, 5yrs, 9st 5lb ... (Matthews) 1

DUNEDIN GOSSIP.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

February 25.

To-morrow the races begin, and by the time this appears all your readers will know all about the Cup. I am not going to indulge in prognostications, because they are not in my line, and besides reading them along with the result might give grounds for calling me a false prophet. All I will say is I wish now I was as wise as the reader of this will be. Altogether I don't think there is as much interest in the Cup this year as formerly. In the first place there are only 11 horses in it, out of which the three now must mentioned are certainly Mata, Titania, and Libeller. But perhaps the chief sign of little interest is the little betting going on; and I don't think sweeps are so numerous as in previous years. Although no doubt the bookmakers are patronised to some extent, it is principally by men of means, who go in for betting as a regular thing. The middle class fight shyer of betting year by year. The attraction of such sweeps as Cameron's are so powerful; and now there are the totalisators, which are to be run under the superintendence and guarantee of the Jockey Club, so that people, when the horses going to start are known beyond doubt, can back the "crack" they fancy.

We are having noble weather, and the course promises to be in the best of condition. To-day is a perfect day. His Excellency is to be present, lending eclat to the proceedings. He is a great racing man, owning horses as you know, and he is out in the morning to see his horses gallop like the rest of them. He is knocking about town in an entirely private way, and would not even allow his carriage to be escorted from the railway station by the ordinary troopers.

But besides suiting the races, the weather suits a nobler end—the harvest. This is going ahead with the best of prospects, almost everywhere. I see that at Windsor farm, Oamaru, there are 14 reapers and binders at work, cutting about 140 acres a-day. And yet how few years ago is it since the scythe was the universal agent in this line. One can only wonder how the world got on at all in those days, although they are but 20 or 30 years ago.

In politics there is absolutely nothing new. You had "a political comet" in your neighborhood the other day. The article in the paper that is published in the "County of Vincent" has created some amusement down here, and the sneer at Mr Oliver's presumption in holding office as Minister of Mines, coming from that quarter, is estimated at its proper weight. The "well-known Roman hand" is but thinly disguised.

Mr Stewart is the only one of our representatives who has held forth. He is astounded at the small sensation his speech created, and has almost formed a new opinion of himself. He had the audacity to imagine himself a famous man, and his utterances awaited with anxiety, but has had an almost cruel awakening. Poor Downie! Some of the Grey journals even have given him a dressing.

Talking of the Grey journals reminds me that we are to have a new weekly in Dunedin this week, the "Echo," edited by Mr Stout. About ten years ago Mr Stout conducted a paper under a similar name. It was then a highly unorthodox publication as regards religious sentiment, but allowance was made for his youth, for generally there comes to a man a period when all is doubt and chaos in such matters. In Mr Stout's case, however, his then opinions have developed into a highly advanced Free-thought. Consequently it is expected his paper will be racy upon religious topics, and except among the "unco' guid" there is always a corner for the enjoyment of a rub at the forms of religion. Of course in politics Mr Stout will stick to Grey.

An amusing incident took place at one of our street corners the other day. A knot of gentlemen, and amongst them two councillors, were having a chat, when the constable on duty observed that a couple of ladies had to take to the gutter to get past. Therefore, he politely requested the gentlemen to "move on." The blood of the civic dignitaries, one of whom has previously had a brush with the police, was roused. They all shifted their position to a more crowded part of the footway, evidently to have a "lark" with a peeler. This official again accosted them politely, when he got a storm of abuse about his ears, and one of the councillors (a magistrate too, and the adored of the people), threatened to strike him. Lucky for him it was he did not attempt it, for the young fellow—a quiet kind of new-chum-looking individual—happens to be an athlete, a gymnast, and a wrestler of Home repute. The city councillor would therefore probably have found himself in the "wrong box."

A laborer near Wanganui drank for a small bet three and a half gallons of new milk in 25 minutes, the stipulated time being 30 minutes. Having finished the milk, he ate his breakfast, and then went to work.

Holloway's Pills.—Though good health is preferable to high honor, how regardless people often are of the former—how covetous of the latter! Many suffer their strength to drain away ere maturity is reached, through ignorance of the facility afforded by these incomparable Pills of checking the first untoward symptoms of derangement, and reinstating order without interfering in the least with their pleasures or pursuits. To the young especially it is important to maintain the highest digestive efficiency, without which the growth is stunted, the muscles become lax, the frame feeble, and the mind slothful. The removal of indigestion by these Pills is so easy, that none save the most thoughtless would permit it to sap the springs of life.

WAKATIPU QUARTZ-MINING.

[BY OUR QUEENSTOWN CORRESPONDENT.]

Messrs Bullen's claim at Skippers is still being prospected and it is expected that it will be some time yet before the reef is reached. Messrs Southberg hit a vein, but it was not the one they were looking for. They find they will have to ascend at least 10ft higher. There is nothing heard from Thomas Hall's Gallant Tipperary discovery, or from the recently discovered ones at Muddy or Maori Creek.

A prospecting party is out at Lake Luna, some 35 miles up the Rees river, and from various parts of the district come reports of other parties out prospecting. It is hoped that some success may attend these efforts.

That unfortunate mine the Nugget and Cornish (Shotover) that has swallowed up so much money is promising some better results than in the past. It is being worked under some tributary arrangement. A change in the manner of working the machinery has been made and a belt has been substituted for the cog-wheel system. The speed the latter was driven at often led to the loss of a tooth and this again to a jar of the battery. The present manager appears to be pleased with the mine and machinery, and one satisfactory feature is that there is an absence of "blow" or "gas." The return will be shortly made known.

Davies and party have erected a comfortable hut for the winter at the head of the Lake and intend to give the reef an effective trial. Abundance of fine timber for any purpose is close at hand in almost unlimited quantities, and this is in itself a great advantage. The reason quartz from this reef was sent to Wellington for assay at the Government laboratory was because the stone contains at places a black substance. There is another lode of a foreign substance very near the quartz reef, and it is desirable to know whether the dark substance in the quartz will render it necessary to treat the stone for crushing purposes in a different manner from the ordinary mode. The *Observer* could have obtained all this information if it had taken the trouble to do so, but it preferred indulging in assumptions and uttering a silly tirade.

It does seem passing strange that that very small organ of public opinion, the *Arrow Observer*, is always so ready to have a "dig" at any correspondent from the Lakes district to whom you may entrust a commission. There are several reasons that may be given for this peculiar line of conduct. A certain littleness of mind, typified by smallness of the paper and the meagreness of its contents when contrasted with the fulness of your journal in general and early news from all places, may possibly engender a sort of bilious envy. But why does not the *Observer* employ the same agencies as you do? They are on the spot. Then there is, or may be, another moving cause—the CROMWELL ARGUS is eagerly sought after and to be found in places where the *Observer* either never or only fitfully penetrates. No doubt this is something like swallowing gall and wormwood, and hence probably another of the causes for ill-natured comments upon articles that appear in your columns. The cause of these remarks is that the Arrow light did your correspondent the honor of criticising one of his letters in an article set in leaded type. With that narrowness of mind alluded to, it imputed a host of faults because your P.D. had printed "lavatory" (museum), Wellington, for Laboratory at said place, and "essay" for assay. Now, few readers, it is to be hoped, would jump to the conclusion, from these two errors—the meaning of which was moreover made so clear by the context of the letter,—that your correspondent did not know what he was writing about. Yet these are made the pegs upon which some very petty but coarse remarks are strung. They are merely noticed to show the kind of narrow intelligence exercised in conducting the journal named.

Apart from above, the writer in the *Observer* proceeds to give something more than rose-colored views of the Macetown reefs. The shareholders in the several claims should be grateful to the *Observer* for this little bit of bolstering up. Will the general public, however, accept the same view? Contrary to the assertions of the writer in the journal in question, your correspondent does not gain his information any more than any other writer does "from hearsay information." As a rule, all mining news is mainly based upon what is known in another circle as "from information received." For your own readers' information, it may be as well to state that the writer of these letters knows by personal inspection, more than once repeated, the Macetown Reefs; was at Macetown when the Messrs Resta Bros. showed quartz-reef specimens and could get no one to invest in them; wrote about them at that time and since, and has keenly watched their progress; knows equally well the Shotover reefs and those at the Head of the Lake, and he has further been a successful quartz-miner and crushing-machine owner in another colony. He does therefore claim to know what he is writing about when dealing with quartz reefs. The reason for the statement that the Macetown reefs were beyond the scope of these letters, was simply because the CROMWELL ARGUS has a correspondent at the Arrow, and it would be disconcerting to shoot over his preserves without permission being given. But that is not to prevent these records containing the views felt in Queenstown concerning them, despite the admonitions of the sapient *Observer* to the contrary.

It is admitted here that some very promising claims exist at Macetown, and they are well-known, but no one here believes they are either so good or so numerous as sanguine shareholders affirm. One swallow does not make a summer, and two or three good claims—or well, say five—do not imply that a host of others not tested are also payable. The holders of shares or scrip in these will not accept this axiom, and they then get writers to bolster up the prospects of them. The main object among this class of claim-holders seems to be to sell shares or scrip, and it is a well-known fact that many confiding purchasers have discovered that they have been "had." So common is this thing that the use of the word "swindle" is very frequently applied, often, perhaps, unjustly to mining transactions in that quarter. An opinion among visitors here and others is that a great deal of money has been fooled away, and not expended upon prospecting claims. As to the foolishness of the operations, all practical men are agreed upon. As to the non-expenditure of calls, or money contributions for the intended purposes, that is a question between the investors and their managers, or agents. There is a reaction evident—not only here from the former high opinions held of some of these reefs, but also in the opinions of investors from a greater distance. On the other hand it is pleasant to notice that great confidence is felt in the value of several tested claims.

PROVINCIAL AND COLONIAL.

At Waikouaiti, a Chinaman had both legs cut off by a reaping machine a few days since.

The ship Border Chief from London to Australia, passed an iceberg 250ft high and five miles long.

During the past fortnight 16 cases of typhoid fever and two of diphtheria have been reported at Christchurch.

His Excellency Sir Arthur Kennedy, Governor of Queensland, proceeds to England this month on private affairs.

Hop-picking is now general throughout Nelson and in the town gardens alone 100 persons are engaged picking.

At Adelaide two persons were recently poisoned by eating tinned salmon, but soon recovered through the administration of remedies.

At Sydney, the members of the Mammoth Minstrel Company have been summoned for desecrating the Sabbath by giving a sacred concert at the Theatre.

The Town Council of Oamaru has made a special rate of 1s 3d in the £ on the value of all rateable property in town in order to defray the charges on the loan of £60,000.

The colonies, excepting Tasmania and West Australia, have applied for an aggregate space in the Melbourne Exhibition of 50,000 feet, New South Wales alone requiring 2,000.

Last week in a town up North, there was a rare occurrence in Court. A daughter opposed her father's discharge as a bankrupt, and endeavored to obtain an order against him as a fraudulent debtor.

The newly-appointed Inspector of Volunteers, Major-General Davidson, is an Indian officer of the Madras Staff Corps, and retired from the service in 1877. He will consequently have spent many years in the East.

When driving along the Riverton beach on Saturday evening, Mr Wm. Russell came across a whale, reputed to be 50ft long, stranded on the beach. The carcase was quite fresh, and the fortunate finder realised £50 by its sale.

The New South Wales and Queensland Governments unite with ours in protesting against the importation of French convicts into the Australian colonies. The three Agents-General will make a remonstrance to the French Government. It is announced that the Government of Queensland has declined to join in the protest.

Mr Thomas Brinn, a surveyor at Waipori, died in the Tuapeka Hospital on the 19th, through the effects of the recent heat. Mr Brinn was only 21 years old, and 12 months previously had received an injury on the head while surveying Watson's Bush. This is supposed to have been partly the cause of his death.

Blenheim was visited last week, according to a local paper, by a regular cloud of mosquitoes, which swarmed round the hotels, shops, and other buildings that were lighted up. The exterior of the Club Hotel was blackened with them this morning, whilst in the Telegraph Office it is no mere figure of speech to say they were being shovelled out with a dust pan.

A Gisborne telegram of late date says:—There is considerable excitement about the oil springs. A member of the firm of Clarke Bros., of Melbourne, and Mr Fleming, the representative of Canada at the Melbourne Exhibition, a petroleum oil expert, have visited the springs. Mr Fleming says the indications are equal to anything in America. It is believed to be probable that a company with a capital of £60,000 will be floated to work the oil, and that operations can be immediately commenced.

The Mayor of Auckland has received the following letter from Mr G. Cooper, Under-Secretary:—"In reply to your Worship's message, expressing indignation at the action of the French authorities at New Caledonia in sending a vessel with ex-convicts to New Zealand, Mr Hall directs me to say that the question is receiving careful attention, and if it should be established that the action of the New Caledonian Government has been such as to justify remonstrance on the part of the Government, the necessary steps will be taken for that purpose."

Diamond Manufacture.

Science is reported to have made a new discovery, which, if it be found practicable, will lead to some curious changes. The possibility of manufacturing diamonds has always been entertained by chemists, although the experiment has never been made with the eagerness of alchemists seeking for the secret of the philosopher's stone. It appears now that a Scotch chemist, Mr James Mactear, has really succeeded in producing crystalline forms of carbon, which are perfectly pure, and have all the refractive power of diamonds. These stones met all the usual tests. They were of the right shape, they scratched glass, they resisted acid, alkalies, and the white heat of the blowpipe. The most eminent scientists—among others Professors Tyndall and Smith—had examined the stones and expressed themselves satisfied with the results produced. Little doubt is entertained by competent judges that these are real diamonds, not paste. Whether the diamond merchants and Mr Streeter, the eminent jeweller, whose work upon "Precious Stones" is the best authority on the subject, will accept them as such, remains to be seen, although the latter admits that "there would at first sight appear no insuperable obstacle to our producing some day an adamantine crystal artificially." The immediate consequences of this discovery, if it be fully developed, must be a diminution in the value of all natural diamonds. The Cape, with its newly-explored diamond fields, would suffer, so would India, Sumatra, Borneo, and Brazil. But the world at large would benefit by the diffusion of a brilliant gem, the use of which for decorative purposes is necessarily at present confined to the wealthy few.

The Audiphone.

It is a well-known fact that of all people afflicted with bodily infirmity the deaf are the most disagreeable in temper. A blind man is nearly always a joyous, light-hearted person; the dumb will enjoy jokes and reply pleasantly upon their fingers; but the deaf man or woman, particularly the aged, is a most irascible being. No doubt they see sufficient, perhaps hear enough, to know they are not "in it," as the slang saying of to-day puts it rather tersely. If the last reported wonder of science is to become a tangible reality, it will be no longer necessary to propitiate maiden aunts with money to leave or curry favor with our professional seniors who are hard of hearing, by shouting till we are hoarse. The audiphone, as it is called, promises to be a boon to deaf people in particular, but indirectly to the world at large. The newly-invented instrument is merely an india-rubber plate, shaped like a fan, and about eight inches in size. The plate is bent over by means of a silk cord attached to its upper edge, and the convex side thus formed is turned in the direction of the source of sound, while the upper edge of the plate is pressed against the end or outside of the upper teeth, the eye-teeth being, it is said, by far the best. The sounds cause certain vibrations of the india-rubber disc, and these impart the sound-waves to the teeth, whence they pass through the auditory nerves to the brain. A large audiphone, for use at concerts or lectures, or at the theatre, consists of two plates or discs, which, when bent over, describe different curves, and thus an opening is made to receive the waves of sound. The invention has been tested with the hitherto hopelessly deaf and dumb, and with wonderfully successful results. At this rate we shall soon have inventions which will enable us to see with our ears or eat with our eyes.

Explaining the Relationship.

A telegram was received in Colorado directing the proper authorities to arrest a young man who, it was alleged, had run away with his aunt. "I have an order for your arrest," remarked the officer, addressing the supposed criminal. "For what?" "You have been running away with your aunt." "My aunt! Why, she's my wife!" "But wasn't she your aunt before she became your wife? You see we don't tolerate those kind of goings on in Colorado." "I suppose you never were in Utah?" remarked the young man, after he had completed his survey of the detective. "No." "Well, as you don't understand the relations of an aunt and nephew in that territory, I suppose I ought to explain them to you, and then, perhaps, you may see your duty plainer. My father married my mother." "I suppose so." "Then he married her sister," continued the stranger, without heeding the interruption. "Then he married the sister of his brother-in-law. Then the daughter of his uncle, who was a cousin to his first two wives; then he married her sister, who was the widow of one of his first wives' husbands; then he married her daughter; and a son of this wife married my sister, who was also a widow of one of the other wives' sons, I suppose you are following me?" interjected the narrator. "Marry your aunt or your grandmother either, or both of them." "And you won't arrest me?" "No, you might be your own father!"

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